

TAFT ASKS \$250,000 TO GET TARIFF FACTS

Foreign Board to Become Real Tariff Investigating Commission.

By JAMES HAY, JR.

At the instigation of the President, there will be incorporated next week in the sundry civil bill by the House Committee on Appropriations a tariff paragraph which is expected to be the biggest political card of the Republicans in the coming Congressional campaign.

The paragraph in question will appropriate \$250,000 to prolong life of the present foreign tariff board, and, in effect, will transform this body into a tariff commission with authority to investigate the difference in the cost of production of articles here and abroad, so that the President will have at his disposal information on which he may base recommendations to Congress for changes in the tariff rates on any or all imports into this country.

Although the whole subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee in charge of the sundry civil bill will have the work of voting the paragraph into the measure, the actual work of framing it will be done by Representative Tawney of Minnesota, chairman of the committee, and the subcommittee, and Walter J. Smith, of Iowa.

Mr. Tawney, who will return to Washington next week from a trip to the West, has already had two conferences with Mr. Taft in regard to the matter.

A Strong Political Card.

So far as the President is personally concerned, this is legislation which he has desired ever since his inauguration. But, coming as it does at a time when sections of the country are growing strident in their protests against the present tariff law, the leaders of the party in the House agree with Mr. Taft that it will be the strongest card the Republicans can put before the country this summer.

They believe it will take the tariff issue out of politics in the insurgent districts, for the party can argue that it is about to make in the tariff all the changes shown to be necessary as a result of scientific and painstaking investigation at home and abroad by experts.

Mr. Taft figures that in the future there shall be no tariff legislation save that based on accurate and scientific data, and he will send to Congress any recommendations for changes made advisable as a result of the investigations of his commission.

Senator Clapp of Minnesota, who voted against the present tariff law, gave an indication of how some insurgents will view this new legislation if it gets to the statute books when he said, in discussing it:

"With such a provision made into law, I, for instance, could and would go into Tarney's district, take off my coat and go to work for his re-election and election. He voted for the

bill, and I voted against it, but I could tell his people:

"In spite of the contradiction of your votes, I may have voted wrong. He may have voted wrong, but now we are in a position to find out which was wrong, and we are all determined to stand by what the investigations of the tariff commission will show to be necessary."

May Reunite the Party.

It is by exactly such argument as this that the party, as a whole in the House, expects to throw the tariff over the fence, so far as it has been a cause of dissension within the party.

The leaders say that it will reunite all the Republicans on the tariff, elements of Republicanism on the tariff, because all Republicans, regulars and insurgents, stand for protection, while the Democrats stand for a tariff for revenue only. The so-called variance in the Republican ranks is the contention of the insurgents that the protective system has been abused in that it has been used to build up the special interests and the big corporations.

This variance, it is calculated, will be swept away by the program which contemplates the abolition of all such abusive schedules. The tariff commission would undertake to find the abuses in such schedules as the wool and cotton rates, and the President would undertake to have Congress provide the remedies for them.

Mr. Tawney, it is declared, has advanced to the work of framing the commission paragraph and has undertaken in his own district to make a tour with great cheerfulness, as it appears to be the one life line by which he can pull himself out of the troubled waters in which his district is in the use of his voting for the present tariff law.

Senate Favors the Move.

Great care will have to be exercised by the Committee on Appropriations to frame the paragraph so that it will not be subject to a point of order as being "new legislation" in the House. When it goes to the Senate, the Senators will be expected to amend it so as to give the tariff commission all the powers and authority desired by the President. The Senate went on record in favor of such a commission once before, and it has the same personnel now as then.

There will be, of course, opposition to the commission in the Senate, and it is only expected that the House of Maine will be against it, but with the sentiment in the Senate as a whole and the earnest backing of the Administration, the outlook for its adoption is considered as extremely good.

Politically, the value of it cannot be overestimated, according to the veteran campaigners of the party, who regard it as the one thing which will make Republican victory next fall a probability.

"PANAMAS" SHOWN IN WINDOW DISPLAY

Saks & Co. have just completed a window display that will give a comprehensive idea of how Panama hats are made, showing the work in the different stages as it is carried forward by the natives. The crude straw as it is gathered, the first braiding that forms the crown, and around which is woven the shapeliness that later comes to this country to be blocked into the jaunty styles that are so commonly seen in straw hat time.

HILL GETS NEW QUARTERS.

BERLIN, April 14.—Ambassador Hill has found a new home for the American Embassy in the district, take of my coat and go to work for his re-election and election. He voted for the

POLICE ARE STRIPPED OF "ROYAL PREROGATIVE"

Justice Wright, In Ruling, Declares Prisoners No Longer May Be Detained on Suspicion or Pending Investigation Without Warrant.

Prisoners may no longer be held by the Police Department on suspicion or for investigation, unless warrant is procured for their arrest.

Justice Daniel Thew Wright, this morning, in sustaining a demurrer filed by Attorneys Charles Poe and Walter Furberhaw to the answer of Police Captain Sullivan and Lieutenant Keefe, of the Third precinct, in the suit for \$3,000 damages brought by Mrs. Jane Keefe for the alleged false arrest of her son, William, deals the death blow to this practice long in vogue in the Police Department.

The opinion reads in part: "The station advanced the argument that the station of policeman invests the incumbent with some kind of an imperial prerogative of his own, ipso facto, to subdue citizens under lock and key during what period may be necessary for enabling his physical ego to re- evolve the principles of legislation and evolve a conclusion, whether the law's process ought to be applied, is neither attractive or sustainable."

Justice Wright imposes on the police the duty of obtaining a warrant as soon as possible after the arrest, and declares unlawful the detention of a prisoner without a warrant for a longer time than is reasonably necessary to procure the authorization of the law. Warrants may be obtained day or night, on week days and Sunday from any magistrate in the District, says the court, and to hold a prisoner without warrant from Friday night until Monday is without the sanction of the law.

In the case before the court, the mother declared that her son was arrested October 8 last on suspicion of having committed a robbery and was held in the station house until Monday, October 11, and then taken to Police Court where he was discharged.

POISONED WHISKY FIGHT IS BEGUN

DEATH LIST GROWS ON SIGN NUISANCE

Rhode Island Authorities Investigating Source of Fatal Liquor.

WESTERLY, R. I., April 14.—An autopsy on another victim of the poisoned whisky which is credited with a dozen deaths, in nearby towns, was held today by Medical Examiner Morgan.

Daniel T. Sullivan, sixty-seven, is the latest victim of the wood alcohol liquor. He drank a pint and was dead in three hours. He refused repeated requests by his sons to tell where he got the concoction.

State authorities are investigating the series of bad whisky deaths and arrest of those believed to have compounded the mixture is expected.

American Civic Association

Announces Commencement of Campaign.

Within a few days the American Civic Association, with headquarters in Washington, is to commence a campaign on the advertising sign nuisance in the District of Columbia.

According to Richard B. Watrous, secretary of the association, this campaign is to be carried on throughout the country, but the initial gun is to be sounded within the precincts of the Nation's Capital.

In working for the abolishment of certain signboards and the modification of other forms, the association will aim first at the real estate signs on vacant lots.

BURTON SAYS BILL WILL WASTE MONEY

River and Harbor Measure Criticised in Minority Report.

Waste of money in many of the items in the river and harbor bill was charged by Burton in a minority report submitted to the Senate today. Burton is considered by some, the highest authority on river and harbor improvements in Congress. He is a member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, chairman of the National Waterways Commission and was for many years chairman of the House Committee on Rivers and Harbors.

Burton says in his report that provisions in the bill show the necessity for radical reform in methods and for more careful consideration in the selection of projects.

"The most glaring defect in methods," he said, "is exemplified in the bill, in the doubling policy of making casual appropriations for a multitude of improvements without provision for completion. Instead of some 40 projects, the number included in this measure, a much smaller number should be provided for, and no other appropriations should be made except for the maintenance of improvements already completed."

Years Required for Completion.

He says that at the rate appropriations are made in this bill, the completion of the Sardy bay harbor of refuge, Massachusetts, would require seventy-six years, the James River, Virginia, twenty-six years, and that there are others which will be long delayed. As an especially objectionable feature of the bill he names the Lakes to the Gulf waterway, which has been given a conditional appropriation of \$1,000,000, and \$50,000 for further survey, in advance of any project having been recommended or adopted. He says that from the time the reviewing board of engineers was created in 1902 until the bill of 1909, no project was placed in the river and harbor bill which had the endorsement of this board.

He urges that this rule be strictly observed in the future.

"The most serious danger of wasting projects," Burton says, "for improving the navigation of rivers is to be found in the canalization of streams by locks and dams. Unless the rivers be

improved in this manner are capable of being made great arteries of commerce, such expenditures will probably prove unprofitable."

Cost to Government. The cost to the Government of handling freight in improved rivers and canals, Mr. Burton said, ranges from \$4 a ton to \$25 a ton.

More money has been expended by the United States for the improvement of rivers and inland waterways than by any other government, either of equal population or of equal area, said Mr. Burton.

The appropriations of harbors, as a whole, have shown altogether more satisfactory results than those for the rivers of the country. The Senator says that there should be a readjustment of the relations between waterways and the Government to prevent the railroads from using cut-throat rates to drive the steamers out of business.

In a summary Senator Burton says: "The following are the most important rules which should govern: 'Provisions for the completion of an improvement when adopted, save in exceptional cases.'

Discrimination Urged. "A greater degree of discrimination in the making of appropriations for river and harbor improvements, by omitting projects condemned by the experts who make the surveys and recommendations, by a careful review of pending projects in the light of present conditions, a more careful consideration of the adoption of projects, with a special reference to the avoidance of lock and dam construction save in the streams capable of specific localities. The exclusion from the bill of its proposed improvements which do not have to do with navigation."

"A general policy of improving the main streams before attention is given to branch streams, and the adjustment of depth and dimensions with a view to a uniform and comprehensive plan for the development of waterways."

"An adjustment of the relations between railroads and waterways with a view to securing greater co-operation."

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CHILDREN'S DRAWERS, in 1, 2 and 3-year sizes; embroidery trimmed and tucked; slightly soiled; sold 29c.....**19c**
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